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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR'S CONTINUED INTEREST IN MILITARY EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION PROCEDURES

1. DURING RECENT LUNCHEON WITH AF/W DIRECTOR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AND COUNTRY OFFICER, MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN SAID THAT CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION NATURALLY COMPELLED HIM TO ESTABLISH NEW CONTACTS WITHIN USG, INCLUDING PENTAGON. KOCHMAN NOTED THAT SEVERAL OF NEW STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT APPOINTEES WORKED WITH FORMER SECRETARY MCNAMARA, WITH WHOM KOCHMAN MAINTAINS CONTACT FROM HIS DAYS AS MCNAMARA'S SPECIAL ADVISER AT IBRD, AND HE HOPED THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL SOMETIME.

2. KOCHMAN REFERRED TO BRIEFINGS HE HAD RECEIVED FROM DOD AND STATE REPS LAST YEAR RE US MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, BUT STILL FOUND IT HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY MAURITANIA COULD NOT RECEIVE MAP AID OR FMS CREDITS. KOCHMAN SAID HE WISHED CONFIDENTIAL

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TO EXPLORE THESE QUESTIONS AGAIN WITH NEW OFFICIALS IN PENTAGON.

3. WE REMINDED KOCHMAN THAT MAP GRANTS ARE COMPLETELY OUT OF THE QUESTION, AS HE HAD BEEN INFORMED LAST YEAR, AND THAT PROSPECTS FOR FMS CREDITS, WHICH REQUIRE PRIOR

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PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY WERE UNCERTAIN. WE ADDED THAT CAREFUL STUDY OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AS ONE OF THE PRIORITY TASKS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AND THAT A REDUCTION IN FOREIGN SALES OF ALL TYPES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT APPEARS TO BE A LIKELY RESULT OF THIS STUDY.
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